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### **District Man Pleads Guilty to Shooting Motorist In Unprovoked Attack in the Third Street Tunnel - Victim Was Hit Twice, Car Had At Least Eight Bullet Holes -**

WASHINGTON - Albert Greer, 24, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty today in connection with a shooting that took place in December 2010 in the Third Street Tunnel, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Greer pled guilty to assault with intent to kill while armed with a firearm. He appeared before the Honorable Jennifer Anderson in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Under the District of Columbia's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines, he likely will receive a sentence of between 90 and 180 months in prison. He is to be sentenced on July 15, 2011.

At the plea hearing, Greer acknowledged that on December 26, 2010, at about 3:10 a.m., he left a lounge in the 600 block of New York Avenue NW in a Dodge Charger. He was in the front passenger seat as the car went into the Third Street Tunnel, heading south on Interstate 395.

The victim, 33, was driving a Toyota Venza in the Third Street Tunnel, and also was going southbound on I-395. Three other passengers were in the victim's car. The victim attempted to merge into the left lane. But the driver of the Dodge, who was using the left lane, would not let the Toyota in the lane and pulled up to keep the victim from merging. Greer put his window down and yelled something at the occupants of the victim's car.

Greer then reached toward the floor, retrieved a handgun, stuck the weapon outside the front passenger side window, and began shooting multiple times at the occupants of the Toyota. He did not know anyone in the car, and never had any prior encounters with them.

Police recovered nine expended shell casings from the area of the shooting. The area in and around the driver's side door of the victim's car had at least eight bullet holes.

The victim was admitted to a hospital in critical condition. He was shot twice – one bullet entered under his left armpit, the second entered his left thigh - and doctors performed surgery. The bullet that entered under the victim's left armpit traveled through his diaphragm, pierced his spleen, and bruised one of his kidneys.

Greer was arrested on March 30, 2011, following an extensive investigation.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the exhaustive and meticulous investigative work of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Robert Saunders, Zach Greene, Stanley Greene, David Carter, Joseph Della Camera, and Antonio Duncan; Sergeants Todd Perkins and Christopher Thornton; Officers Roger Williams, Jonathan Driver, Tavon Watson, Billy Allen, and Ernst Hoffstetter; Evidence Technicians Darren BeMiller, James Burgess, and Ramonz Height; Intelligence Research Specialist Lynn Burns; U.S. Attorney's Office Investigator Durand Odom; the Charles County Sheriff's Office, and the Manassas Park Police Department. U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Saler, who investigated the case.

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